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SUMMARY: EMBASSY AND USCG REPS MET WITH GOJ TO DISCUSS MSA TAKEOVER OF LORAN A FUNCTION AT SUBJECT STATIONS ON APRIL 1, 1975. MSA REP STATED DELAY IN RECEIPT OF US REQUEST WOULD PREVENT RECEIVING SPECIFIC FUNDING FOR ASSUMPTION OF LORAN A FUNCTION. LIMITED QTE CONTINGENCY FUNDS UNQTE FOR THIS PURPOSE MEANT MSA WOULD HAVE TO REQUEST US PROVIDE EQUIPMENT GRATIS AND PERMIT JOINT USE OF EXISTING FACILITIES. MSA PLANNED CONTINUE LORAN A FOR NEXT 10-15 YEARS. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBOFF CONVEYED SUBSTANCE OF PARA 1 REF A TO FONOFF JUNE 4.

EMBASSY AND US COAST GUARD OFFICERS SUBSEQUENTLY MET AT FONOFF JUNE

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13 WITH GOJ DELEGATION COMPOSED PRINCIPALLY OF TOHRU TADANO, HEAD

OF ELECTRONIC NAVIGATION AIDS DIV, MSA AND TERUSUKE TERADA, DEP  
HEAD SECURITY DIV, FONOFF TO DISCUSS TERMINATION OF SUBJECT  
LORAN A FUNCTIONS AND THEIR ASSUMPTION BY MSA.

2. EMBOFF OPENED MEETING BY EXPRESSING REGRET FOR DELAY IN RESPONDING  
TO NUMEROUS GOJ REQUESTS FOR INFO CONCERNING DATE OF CESSATION  
BY USCG OF OPERATION OF LORAN A AT TWO STATIONS, BUT USG COULD  
NOW CONFIRM ITS PLANS TO POSTPONE TERMINATION OF LORAN A OPNS AT  
THE TWO STATIONS FROM JULY 1, 1974 TO APRIL 1, 1975. IT WAS THE USG  
ASSUMPTION THAT HAVING ACQUIESCED TO GOJ REQUEST FOR POSTPONE-  
MENT OF DATE OF TERMINATION, GOJ WOULD BE PREPARED TO ASSUME  
OPERATION OF GESASHI AND IWO JIMA LORAN A FUNCTIONS AS OF  
APRIL 1, 1975.

3. TADANO RESPONDED BY STATING THAT PENDING USG RESPONSE TO GOJ  
REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT OF TERMINATION OF TWO STATIONS AND IN  
VIEW OF SUBSEQUENT INABILITY OF USG TO CLARIFY STATUS, MSA HAD  
FOUND ITSELF UNABLE TO MAKE ANY ORDERLY FINANCIAL PREPARATIONS OR  
SECURE FUNDING FROM MIN OF FINACNE TO ASSUME OPERATION OF THE  
STATIONS. ACTUAL FINANCIAL PREPARATIONS AND OBTAINING OF REQUIRED  
FUNDS HAD HAD TO AWAIT FORMAL USG RESPONSE JUST NOW DELIVERED.  
TADANO WENT ON TO NOTE SOMEWHAT WRYLY THAT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN USG  
REQUEST IN NOV 1973 AND NEW REQUEST IN JUNE 1974 THAT MSA COMMENCE  
OPERATIONS AS OF APRIL 1, 1975 INSIGNIFICANT FOR PURPOSES OF  
OBTAINING REQUIRED FUNDING FROM MIN OF FINANCE. AS A RESULT OF  
INSUFFICIENT TIME, OPERATION OF TWO STATIONS COULD NOT INITIALLY  
COME OUT OF FUNDS SPECIFICALLY APPROPRIATED FOR THAT PURPOSE,  
BUT INSTEAD WOULD HAVE TO RELY ON LIMITED QTE CONTINGENCY FUNDS  
UNQTE. MSA WOULD THEREFORE NEED CONSIDERABLE HELP FROM USG IN ORDER  
TO PICK UP LORAN A FUNCTION AS OF APRIL 1, 1975.

4. TADANO THEN ENUMERATED LIST OF MSA REQUIREMENTS NEEDED TO MEET  
THIS NEW DEADLINE:

A. TRANSFER GRATIS TO MSA ALL USCG PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT AT TWO  
STATIONS NECESSARY FOR THEIR OPERATION.

B. JOINT USCG-MSA USE (UNDER SOFA) OF PROPERTY PRESENTLY  
NECESSARY FOR LORAN A OPERATIONS AT TWO STATIONS BUT INSEPARABLE  
FROM COLLOCATED LORAN C FUNCTIONS (TO CONTINUE UNDER USCG).  
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C. DURING INTERIM NECESSARY TO SECURE FUNDING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF  
SEPARATE BUILDINGS, MSA TO SHARE PRESENTLY EXISTING BUILDINGS  
AND FACILITIES WITH USCG.

D. USCG TO PROVIDE POWER SOURCE TO MSA.

E. USCG TO PROVIDE MSA WITH DRINKING WATER AT IWO STATION.

F. USCG TO PROVIDE MSA WITH LORAN A EQUIPMENT LIST SOONEST.

G. USCG TO PROVIDE GROUND PLAN OF BUILDINGS TO MSA SOONEST.  
TO PREPARE FOR ON-THE-GROUND SURVEY OF TWO STATIONS IN JULY.

5. EMBOFF RESPONDED THAT DETAILS OF POSSIBLE JOINT USE AND TEMPORARY SHARING OF FACILITIES, POWER, WATER, ETC. WOULD HAVE TO BE SUBSEQUENTLY WORKED OUT IN FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE OF US-JAPAN JOINT COMMITTEE. US SIDE WOULD COMMUNICATE MSA REQUESTS TO WASHINGTON AND MEANWHILE TRY TO PROVIDE GROUND PLANS AND APPROPRIATE DATA TO FACILITATE MSA SITE SURVEY. EMBOFF NOTED THAT IT WOULD FACILITATE OUR OWN PLANNING TO KNOW HOW LONG MSA WAS PLANNING TO MAINTAIN LORAN A CHAIN BEFORE CHANGING TO ALTERNATE SYSTEM OF NAVIGATION AIDS.

6. IN RESPONSE TADANO STATED THAT PRESENT PLANNING STIPULATES CONTINUATION OF THE GOJ LORAN A CHAIN ON THE ORDER OF 10-15 YEARS, BUT DID NOT PERMIT HIMSELF TO BE PINNED DOWN TO SPECIFIC DATE. HE ADDED THAT ULTIMATELY CESSATION WOULD HAVE TO DEPEND ON CONSULTATION OF USERS OF THE SYSTEM. HE IMPLIED THAT FISHERIES INTERESTS MAY NOT BE ALTOGETHER SATISFIED WITH OMEGA OR OTHER POSSIBLE SUBSTITUTES, HINTING THAT ANY DATE PLANNED FOR CESSATION MIGHT BE SUBJECT TO SLIPPAGE CAUSED BY END-USER REACTIONS. WHEN ASKED IF END USERS TO BE CONSULTED WOULD INCLUDE CIVIL AVIATION INTERESTS, TADANO REPLIED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, ADDING THAT INTERNATIONAL AVIATION ORGANIZATIONS INTERESTED IN NAVIGATION AIDS INCLUDING ICAO WOULD ALSO BE SUBJECTS OF CONSULTATION CONCERNING CESSATION OF LORAN A. RATHER POINTEDLY (IF NOT TARTLY) HE WENT ON TO REMARK THAT JAPAN COULD BE COUNTED ON TO MAINTAIN SAME INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AND STANDARDS GOVERNING NAVIGATION AND SAFETY AS US.

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7. BOTH SIDES AGREED TO MEET AGAIN TO ASSESS MSA'S PLANS AND ITS ON-THE-GROUND SURVEY OF TWO STATIONS AFTER THIS FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE WILL NEGOTIATE DETAILS.

8. COMMENT: AS NOTED REF D USG DELAY IN RESPONDING TO REPEATED GOJ REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION NECESSARY TO SECURE FUNDING HAS PROBABLY RESULTED IN INSUFFICIENT REMAINING TIME FOR MSA TO SECURE FULL REQUIRED FUNDING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS AT BOTH STATIONS. HOWEVER, EMBOFF INFORMALLY FOREWARNED FONOFF IN MARCH 1974 THAT APRIL 1, 1975 WOULD BE PROBABLE DATE OF US TERMINATION OF LORAN A AT BOTH STATIONS. THEREFORE MSA QTE CONTINGENCY FUND UNQTE PROBABLY SUBSTANTIAL AND CERTAINLY SUFFICIENT TO EFFECT ASSUMPTION OF LORAN A FUNCTION  
IF USCG HERE GIVEN AUTHORITY TO BE GENEROUS WITH EQUIPMENT AND FLEXIBLE WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS. WE DID

NOT PRESS GOJ SPECIFICALLY FOR ASSURANCES THAT LORAN A FUNCTION  
WOULD BE MAINTAINED UNTIL END 1977, SINCE CORE OF OUR ARGUMENT  
FOR MSA ASSUMPTION OF LORAN A FUNCTION BASED ON NO MORE NEED BY  
SUSG TO MAINTAIN STATIONS. IN VIEW MSA ASSURANCES OF PLANS TO  
CONTINUE LORAN A UNTIL 1985 (REF D) AND TADANO'S ADDITIONAL  
ASSERTION OF 10-15 YEAR PLANNING RANGE AT LATEST SESSION, WE  
FEEL FURTHER PRESSING ON 1977 ISSUE LIABLE TO BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE  
AND COULD LEAD TO GOJ RESPONSE THAT THEY WOULD PREFER TO WAIT  
UNTIL 1978 WHEN USG HAD ABSOLUTELY NO FURTHER INTEREST IN LORAN  
A TO TAKE OVER OPERATION OF THE FUNCTION.  
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